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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of:

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For: SYSTEM FOR RELEASING AND ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS

This application is a divisional of Application No. <u>08/930,247</u> filed <u>February 17, 1998</u>, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

- XX Specification (41 pages)
- XX 8 sheets of drawings
- XX Declaration and Power of Attorney
  - xx Copy from a prior application for continuation or divisional
- XX Return Receipt Postcard
- XX Preliminary Amendment
- XX An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449
- Priority of German Application Serial No. <u>195 12 368.9</u> filed on <u>April 1, 1995</u> is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and Priority of PCT Application Serial No. <u>PCT/EP96/01368</u> is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.
- The certified copy of the German Application has been received from the International Bureau in the prior national stage application Serial No. <u>08/930,247</u> filed <u>February 17, 1998</u>, and was acknowledged in the Office Action of October 1, 1998 (Paper No. 7)
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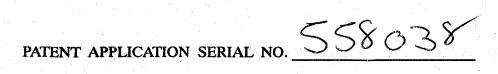
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